

House File 2494 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 699)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to nursing facility construction or expansion.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 249K.2, subsection 4, Code 2022, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. "*Major renovations*" means construction or facility
4 improvements to a nursing facility in which the total amount
5 expended exceeds ~~one million five~~ seven hundred fifty thousand
6 dollars.

7 Sec. 2. Section 249K.5, subsection 2, Code 2022, is amended
8 by adding the following new paragraph:

9 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. The nursing facility for which relief
10 or an exception is requested is proposing replacement or
11 enhancement of an HVAC, as defined in section 105.2, system for
12 improved infection control.

13 Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES — ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT. The
14 department of human services shall adopt or amend rules
15 pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this Act.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to nursing facility construction
20 or expansion under Code chapter 249K (nursing facility
21 construction or expansion). The Code chapter provides a
22 mechanism to support the appropriate number of nursing facility
23 beds for the state's citizens and to financially assist nursing
24 facilities in remaining compliant with applicable regulations.

25 The bill provides that in order to be eligible for rate
26 relief and exceptions under the Code chapter, a nursing
27 facility's major renovation value threshold is reduced from
28 \$1.5 million to \$750,000. The bill also provides that in
29 addition to the existing criteria, one of which a nursing
30 facility requesting instant relief or a nondirect care limit
31 exception must meet, an additional criterion is that the
32 nursing facility requesting relief or an exception is proposing
33 replacement or enhancement of an HVAC system for improved
34 infection control. For the purposes of the bill, "HVAC" means
35 heating, ventilation, air conditioning, ducted systems, or any

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1 type of refrigeration used for food processing or preservation.
2 "HVAC" includes all natural, propane, liquid propane, or other
3 gas lines associated with any component of an HVAC system.
4 The bill directs the department of human services (DHS) to
5 adopt or amend administrative rules to administer the bill.